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SUBJECT:SHIPPING PROBLEM

1. USG HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN MATTER INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL BULK SHIPPING SERVICES, LTD., AND HIMOFF MARITIME ENTERPRISES, LTD., WHO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN GRAIN AND FERTILIZER SHIPPING TRANSACTION WITH GOI MINERALS AND METALS TRADING CORPORATION AND FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA. THE CARGOES DID NOT ORIGINATE IN U.S. MR. DUDLEY HIMOFF, AN OFFICIAL OF THE AFORE-MENTIONED FIRMS, HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT OUTSTANDING DEBTS ON VARIOUS VOYAGES OF FINAL TEN PERCENT BALANCE OF FREIGHT AND DEMURRAGE/DISPATCH SETTLEMENTS, WHICH UNDER NORMAL CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS ARE SETTLED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER DISCHARGE OF VESSEL(S). SOME OF THE CLAIMS ARE MORE THAN 14 MONTHS OLD, AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY OWED THE FIRMS CONTINUES TO RISE AND COULD REACH AN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THE PAYMENTS ARE MADE BY THE INDIAN HIGH
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COMMISSION IN LONDON. HOWEVER, THEY ADVISE MR. HIMOFF THAT

SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED UNTIL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
(PRESUMABLY THE MMTC AND FCI) IN NEW DELHI TAKE CERTAIN
ACTION. GOODWILL CHARTERING IN NEW DELHI IS AGENT FOR ABOVE
MENTIONED FIRMS, BUT THEY APPARENTLY ARE UNABLE SECURE

NECESSARY CLEARANCES OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOI TO INDIAN
HIGH COMMISSION, LONDON TO SETTLE CLAIMS.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY LOOK INTO PROBLEM AND REPORT RESULTS.
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